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State Board of Medical Examiners

EXCERPTS FROM OPINIONS OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

Examiner for insurance company—not practising.

"An applicant has called at my office to obtain my opinion as to whether or not the occupation he is about to engage in requires a license to practice medicine within the State of California.

"The applicant is admitted to practice medicine in another state or states in the Union, but has not been admitted to California.

"He wants to act for a hospital association in both examining personally applicants for health and other matters of insurance and reporting to the company, and also in passing upon reports of other doctors who take examination in other places.

"The applicant does not intend to in any way treat the sick or afflicted, but simply to find out for the purposes of insurance as to whether or not they are sick or afflicted, or safe or dangerous risks. I do not feel that that requires any certificate.

"It is true it has been decided that the examination and diagnosis of disease are first steps in practicing medicine, but those cases were decided only when the practitioner went farther and prescribed or treated the patient. Consequently, I advise you that you may take the position that the applicant does not require a license for the work he professes to do."—(Excerpt from letter of Attorney to Board, April 10, 1913.)

Subdivision 12—unprofessional conduct—commission.

"The giving of a commission by a licentiate of the Board of Medical Examiners of this state could be legally construed as a violation of the provision of subdivision 12 of section 14 of the Medical Practice Act."—(Excerpt of letter of Attorney to Licentiate, February 5, 1916.)

Massage.

"Anyone in this state who diagnoses, treats, operates or prescribes for any disease, injury or deformity, is guilty of violating the Medical Practice Act, as may be more specifically noted from a reading of section 17 of the Medical Practice Act, which is enclosed herein; however, one may

massage and not violate the law; i. e., if there is simply a rubbing of the body with no profession on the part of the rubber that the treatment will cure or aid an affliction or deformity, it is not a violation of the act. If, on the other hand, the manipulator or rubber pretends to cure, or assist in curing, or professes to remove the cause of disease, injury or deformity, etc., then it is a practice of a system, no matter what method may be used in such practice or treatment. In brief, any one who operates, diagnoses, treats, or prescribes, is practicing a system under this theory."—(Excerpt of letter of Attorney to Licentiate.)

New Members

McClelland, J. H., San Francisco.
Downes, Chas. S., San Francisco.
Sewall, Chester D., San Francisco.
Parker, Ashley S., Needles.
Jackson, James A., San Diego.
Bryan, Geo., Fullerton.
Slaughter, K. J., Folsom City.

Resigned

Mize, G. H., San Francisco.
Pratt, J. P., San Francisco.

Transferred

Rogers, J. B., Napa, from Placer Co.

Deaths

Benjamin, F. W., of Alameda, Cal.; Berkshire Med. Coll., '60, (C) '81; a veteran of the Civil War; died at his home, 2139 Buena Vista Ave., Dec. 23, 1917, aged 83.

Finley, Theodore Gawn, Los Angeles; University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 1908; a fellow of the American Medical Association; formerly assistant superintendent of the Los Angeles County Hospital; surgeon of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation; died at the Sisters' Hospital, Los Angeles, Dec. 17, 1917, aged 42.

Burns, Matilda Watson, died in San Francisco, Dec. 25, 1917, aged 64; cause, cerebral hemorrhage. She was a graduate of the Cooper Medical College and had practiced medicine and conducted a drug store in San Francisco for over thirty years.

Dow, Phineas K., of San Jose; St. Louis Med. Coll., '80, (C) '86; died Dec. 11, 1917, aged 82.

Mertzman, B. F.; Hahnemann Med. Coll., Philadelphia, Pa.; died in San Diego, Cal., July 23, 1916, aged 61.

Reed, William Boardman, M. D., Alhambra, Cal.; University of Pennsylvania, Phila., 1878; aged 75; formerly a Fellow of the American Medical Association; a veteran of the Civil War, and a well-known specialist on diseases of the digestive system; for many years a resident of Atlantic City, N. J.; at one time a member of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Press; who went to California on account of ill-health in 1909, and suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in 1913; died at his home, October 31.—A. M. A. Jour., Dec. 1, 1917.

Claire, W. Murphy, M. D., Los Angeles; University of California, Los Angeles, 1891; aged 47; formerly a Fellow of the American Medical Association; a member of the Medical Society of the State of California; instructor in anatomy in his alma mater; died at his home, Nov. 24.—A. M. A. Jour., Dec. 15, 1917.